

In re of Appln. No. 09/935,338

Group IV, directed to a chimeric oligonucleotide primer and comprising claims 287-290;

Group V, directed to a method of producing and the material produced by the method and comprising claims 291-296;

Group VI, directed to a product of a reagent and comprising claims 297, 326, and 327;

Group VII, including claim 318;

Group VIII, including claim 319;

Group IX, including claim 320;

Group X, including claim 321;

Group XI, including claim 322;

Group XII, including claim 323;

Group XIII, including claim 324; and

Group XIV, including claim 325.

On June 6, 2003, the undersigned orally elected Group I, including claims 221-279 and 298-317, and the species of the chimeric oligonucleotide primer of SEQ ID NO:136 recited in claims 242 and 276, with traverse, in a telephone conference with Examiner Siew.